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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004 (Paper No. 4), finally rejecting claims 1-22, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.